

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 50-53 and 55-90 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-49 and 54 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 72-88 have now been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 50-53, 55-71, 89 and 90 have been allowed in the Final Office Action.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 72-75, 77-79, 82, 83, and 84-87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,522,725 to Kato (hereinafter "Kato") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0034971 to Chang (hereinafter "Chang") and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,941,135 to Minear et al. (hereinafter "Minear"). Claims 76, 80, and 81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Kato, Chang, and Minear and in further view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0192384 to Anastasakos et al. (hereinafter "Anastasakos"). Claim 88 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Kao, Chang, and Minear and in further view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0058647 to Zhang et al. (hereinafter "Zhang").

Claims 72-75, 77-79, 82, 83, and 84-87 have now been cancelled, rendering these rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

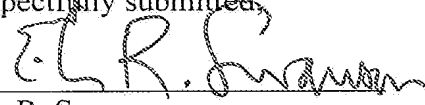
In view of the foregoing it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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